1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	2. France	45	14	59	51	14	65	53	14	67
	3. Japan	486	222	708	583	219	802	533	208	741
	4. Russian Federation	43	27	70	39	37	76	34	47	81
	5. Switzerland	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
	6. USA	101	22	123	97	21	118	84	17	101

PR: Partially Revised

Benefit of subsidy regime

1084. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the benefit of subsidy regime at present is being availed of by affluent sections of the society;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering a proposal for better targeting of subsidy to intended beneficiaries; and

(c) if so, the salient features of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) The three major subsidies borne explicitly on the budget are food, fertilizers and petroleum subsidies. Fertilizer and petroleum subsidies (particularly on LPG) are universal subsidies available to all users. Food subsidy is targeted to people below the poverty line. Some evaluation studies have brought out the fact that while benefits of food subsidy flow to targeted sections, there are some inclusion and exclusion errors. Based on evaluation studies and feedback received from States, a nine point action plan has been jointly formulated by the Central and the State/UT Governments to strengthen the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS). These include regular reviews of the beneficiary lists to ensure coverage of eligible families, involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions in the public distribution system (PDS) operations, use of information technology, creating awareness among public about PDS operations, etc.

Increase in liquidity for banking sector

1085. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which liquidity has been increased for the Banking Sector in the last few months ever since the reports of global melt down started pouring in;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Housing as well as automobile sectors have still not picked up despite increased liquidity;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;